

LOSS BY FIRE DUE TO POLICE NEGLIGENCE OF NIGHT PATROL

Chief Croker Declares He Has Proof in His Possession Which Shows the Truth of the Exposures Made by The Evening World.

HOW POLICE NEGLECT DUTY IN GIVING FIRE ALARMS

POLICE WORK ON FIRES THIS YEAR.
Out of 2,355 fires in January, February and March of this year, fourteen alarms were turned in by the police.

POLICE WORK ON FIRES IN FORMER YEARS.
Out of 5,120 fires in 1887 the police turned 1,051 alarms.
Out of 6,058 fires in 1890 the police turned 1,263 alarms.
—From the statement of Fire Chief Croker.

The proof established by The Evening World in its automobile investigations that the police do not patrol the city properly during the hours from midnight to daylight is substantiated by Chief Croker, of the Fire Department, and the insurance interests of the city.

It was noted by The Evening World investigators that there were stretches of miles in which no policeman could be found, and comment was made upon the danger to property and life by fire, which would have opportunities for terrible advancement before discovery.

In many sections of the city the streets are entirely deserted after midnight, and it was in these very sections that the police were hardest to find.

VIEWS OF CHIEF CROKER.

Speaking of the failure of the police to discover fires, a failure resulting entirely from improper patrolling of their beats, Chief Croker said to-day:

"I am glad that The Evening World took up this matter and carried it out so thoroughly. I have repeatedly called attention to the fact that the policemen upon the last tour do not patrol. For this I have been criticised in police circles, but I have figures in my possession that show the truth of what The Evening World has shown."

"I speak solely as the Chief of the Fire Department of the city, and not from any personal standpoint. I am charged with the protection of the property of the citizens against fire, and I should have the proper cooperation of the police. As head of the Fire Department I am free to say that I have not been getting it."

BLAMES THE BUSINESS MEN.

"Much of the blame attaches to the business men of the mercantile district for allowing the policemen to sleep upon their premises. For this seeming kindness they are fully as much to blame as any one else. There is no need of a policeman begging off on account of the weather, as he has plenty of time to prepare himself to go out on post. There is no excuse for his dodging his duty, and these watchmen who curvy favor with the man on beat by letting him into the building for a snooze should be discharged by their employers."

The policeman is paid to stay on post. Yet I have repeatedly driven from Great Jones street south to the Battery and back again without sighting a single officer patrolling. It is a shame. The faithful performance of police duty in the early hours of the day would not only lessen crime, but it would greatly reduce the fire losses as well as the loss of life at the fires.

NEW ALARMS BY POLICEMEN.

"Very seldom does a police officer turn in an alarm of fire. Here I have the official records of the Fire Department, which show that during the first six months of the present year there were 4,307 alarms of fire. Out of this number forty-three are credited with having been turned in by an attaché of the Police Department, twenty by employees of the Fire Department, either on their way to the firehouse or going home. The remainder of the alarms in that period were turned in by citizens. In the month of July there were 329 alarms of fire, and fourteen of these came from policemen. The rest were either from citizens, keyless boxes or from district boxes."

NOT LIKE FORMER DAYS.

"Were conditions always so?" was asked.
"Indeed, they have not been so," said the Fire Chief. "The city has been patrolled properly. In 1890 the records of the department show that out of 6,958 fires 1,263 of the alarms were sent in by policemen. Out of 5,120 alarms registered in 1887, 1,051 are credited to the Police Department. These department reports are made out upon the reports of the battalion chiefs, who are first to arrive at the fires. I am satisfied that they are correct, and they are substantial corroboration of the charges made in The Evening World."

INSURANCE MEN POINT TO NEGLIGENCE BY POLICE.

In the insurance world the charge of police failure to properly patrol the city has become an old story. Still, many of the big underwriters were negated at the detailed exposure of the neglect of the police to patrol in the early morning hours made in The Evening World.

E. R. Kennedy, of No. 29 Liberty street, one of the largest brokers in the country, said:

"Some of us have known all along what The Evening World has shown. There have been repeated complaints from the Fire Department of heavy damages in fires which, it appeared, should have been promptly extinguished. The chiefs of the Fire Department have been forced to defend themselves against charges of blame by admitting that the police did not do their duty. The Evening World has conclusively shown that the beats are not being covered."

Merchants should take warning. A. M. Thiburn, of No. 34 Pine street, a leading broker, said: "It behooves the mercantile interests to sit up and pay attention to the warning printed in The Evening World. Their places, unless in the hands of private watchmen, are in constant peril from destruction by fire which might be greatly minimized if the city were properly patrolled by the police."

Hard to Find Policemen.

William B. Ogden, of No. 19 Liberty street, has for many years been a prominent factor in the local insurance region. His comment follows:

"Every citizen who has his eyes open knows that it is harder to find a policeman upon his beat than locate a needle in a haystack. Where are they? I can locate a few. You cannot go through One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, but you find on all the corners of prominent avenues one or more officers conversing or leaning up against the show window of some store."

SCENES ON BOARD KAISER WILHELM II. WHEN SHE REACHED HER PIER TO-DAY.

There Was a Great Crowd of Society People and Stage Folks on the Liner, but the Warmest Welcome Was for Johnny Carroll, Who Gained Twenty-five Pounds While Abroad.



AMERICANS BACK ON GREAT LINER

Johnny Carroll, W. K. Vanderbilt, Harry Payne Whitney and Many Other Notables on the Kaiser Wilhelm II.

CELTIC INQUIRY IS UNDER WAY

Investigation of Complaints of Overcrowded Condition on Last Voyage Based on Measurements by Customs Officers

With the biggest crowd of returning society folks and stage people that has come back at once from their vacations in Europe this fall the Hamburg-American liner Kaiser Wilhelm II. arrived here this morning after a run which in spite of heavy weather and almost continuous fog, was within thirty-three minutes of the world's record.

Among the passengers were William K. Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Burden, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goetz, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Randolph, Robert Livingston Cutting, Vice-President Francis A. Schell, of the Hamburg-American line; Mr. and Mrs. William Howard Crosby, Anthony J. Drexel, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Daly and Miss Daly, John Carroll and Mrs. Carroll, Nat Goodwin, the actor, and his wife, Maxine Elliott, Count Von Hatfield, Mrs. Borden Harman and child, the Marquis Pinar del Rio and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Claus Spreckels, of San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt, Miss R. Wilson, the Prince and Princess Coloredo-Mannfeld, of Austria, whose marriage recently has stirred up a storm in the diplomatic world.

John Carroll was looking fatter and ruddier than when he went away. He said that he had had a fine time, but that he was glad to get back again. "I'm back to plunge in and do all I can for the Democratic National and State tickets," he said. "They are very strong tickets and they will win."

Mr. Cutting, who is considerable of a politician on the Republican side, said that in Europe the impression was that President Roosevelt would be elected.

"Americans generally," he said, "who are in Europe look upon Mr. Parker as a strong candidate, but cannot figure out where he is going to get proper Cabinet material out of the Democratic party in the United States."

The Prince and Princess Coloredo-Mannfeld, who are the latest of the "millionaires" to come to America, said that they had had a very pleasant trip.

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In accordance with the announcement made yesterday by Collector of the Port Stranahan that an investigation would be made at once into the allegations made by steerage passengers on the Celtic after their arrival here that they were not given the accommodations aboard that are required by law, Solicitor Hamilton, of the Law Division of the Custom House, this afternoon began an inquiry into the matter.

The hearing is upon a formal complaint made by Customs Inspectors Longstreet and Tuttle, of the Surveyor's Office, detailed as measurers of vessels, and who found, upon an examination made before the opening of the Custom House to-day, that the Celtic had 241-2 more steerage passengers than there were berths for. Children are officially counted as half passengers. To this complaint were added the affidavits made by six steerage passengers declaring that a small number of the passengers were compelled to sleep on mattresses on the floor of the ship.

After the complaint was made out notifications were sent to the agent of the line, also to the captain, steward, purser and other officers of the ship. These men appeared at the Custom House this afternoon and the inquiry was at once started.

The hearing was conducted by Mr. Hamilton in his private office, as all such inquiries are.

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"Section 404 declares that any person obtaining or procuring such writ or process and every officer concerned in executing it, shall be deemed a violator of the law of nations and subject to imprisonment and fine."

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JUDGE GETS HINT TO APOLOGIZE

Phelps, of Massachusetts, Who Fined British Diplomat, Gets Official Suggestion that He Make Amends for His Act.

BOSTON, Sept. 27.—A telegram from Washington bearing on the finding of Third Secretary Gurney, of the British Embassy, by Judge Phelps at Lee, Mass., yesterday, was received at the Executive Department at the State House here shortly after the opening for business to-day.

Gov. Bates is absent from the city and is not expected at the State House until to-morrow afternoon. The Washington message was received by Lieut. Gov. Curtis Guild, Jr., who at once conferred with Assistant Attorney-General Fred H. Nash.

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CZAR'S SHIPS FORCED BACK

Desperate Attempt of Russian Fleet to Run Japanese Blockade at Port Arthur Ends in Complete Failure.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 27.—The latest development in the situation at the front is the definite establishment of the fact that Field Marshal Oyama has now begun to move up his left. Gen. Kurapatkin's report to-day shows that the Japanese have reached Davan, on the west bank of the Liao River.

A considerable concentration of Japanese is observed at Sianchan, on the Hun River, thirty-five miles southwest of Mukden, and Japanese cavalry is musing in the valley of the Pu River. The latter is a tributary of the Hun River which crosses the line of railway midway between Tie Pass and Mukden, and may furnish a natural line of advance for the west.

Oyama's armies now apparently cover a front of sixty miles for enveloping movements. His wings are extended to the northward, east and west of Mukden.

Thus far the Russians have found little strength or pressure from the Japanese centre. Oyama seems to be moving with great deliberation, probably gathering strength for a rapid advance of both wings when an attempt is made to close the net. Although the imaginary line connecting the extreme Japanese advance east and west of Mukden cannot long be delayed, if Gen. Kurapatkin intends to try to hold the city, fighting on his flanks will begin almost immediately.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—The sortie made by the Russian warships, torpedo-boats and cruisers at Port Arthur in an effort to escape through the line of the Japanese fleet under Togo has failed, and the Russians have been driven back. According to despatches received here to-day, the ships are again under the protection of the guns of the fort.

The fight at Port Arthur is still in progress according to a despatch sent here from Chefoo. It is said that 8,000 Russian have fallen since the present assault began.

Three Thrown from Car. Hurled from Rear Platform in Brooklyn and Injured.

Three men were hurt last evening by being thrown from a rear platform of a trolley car of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit as it was turning the corner of Broadway and Union avenue, Elmhurst, Brooklyn.

The injured are: John Kaneo, twenty-two years old, a laborer, of No. 62 Bushwick avenue, Brooklyn, contusion of the scalp and fracture of the left elbow; Daniel De-mari, twenty-eight years old, a laborer, of No. 109 Jackson street, Brooklyn, contusion of the right knee and possibly spinal injury; George Schlatte, sixteen years old, of No. 364 Cornelia street, Brooklyn, contusion and right elbow sprained.

Demari was taken to St. John's Hospital, in Long Island City, and the others went home.

SENATOR HOAR NEAR DEATH. Doctors Report the Patient Very Weak and His Pulse Low.

WORCESTER, Mass., Sept. 27.—Senator George F. Hoar remained to-day in the state of coma into which he sank during Sunday night. At his home to-day it was announced that he had passed a quiet night, having had considerable sleep. The bulletin issued said: "The Senator is very weak. His pulse is very low. Death seems now to be a question of a few hours."

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YOUNG BANDITS CAUGHT IN PARK

Leader of "Hession's Rustlers" and Three of His Bold Band Rounded Up After Alleged Robbery.

Charged with robbing a woman in broad daylight in Morningside Park to-day, two boys, who call themselves "Hession's Rustlers," and who, according to the police, have for a long time infested the park, to the sorrow of persons seeking recreation there, were captured after a chase by Roundsman Downey and Policeman Ennis, of the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station, and sent to the Children's Society's room. Two others, said to be members of the same gang, but who cannot be implicated in the alleged robbery, were also arrested on charges of truancy. All will be arraigned to-morrow in the Children's Court.

The prisoners are Joseph Hession, the reputed leader of the gang, fourteen years old, of No. 274 West One Hundred and Fifteenth street, and Joseph Dacey, fourteen, of No. 21 West One Hundred and Fifteenth street, who are charged with the robbery, and Frank Simpson, thirteen, of No. 212 West One Hundred and Fourteenth street, and Alfred Baker, fourteen, of No. 29 West One Hundred and Fifteenth street. Hession had a 2-caliber revolver, loaded, when arrested. When Sgt. Wolf asked him at the station what he intended to do with the weapon, he replied, with a fine bold bandit air:

"I was going to make a bluff with it if I was caught."

Mrs. M. L. Milliken, of No. 430 West One Hundred and Sixteenth street, the complainant against the boys, says that she was sitting on a bench in the park this morning reading a book. On her lap lay an alligator skin bag containing a watch valued at \$50 and \$8 in cash. As she was engrossed in the book, Hession and Dacey, she says, crept up behind her softly and Hession snatched the bag before she realized their intent.

The boys then made off, and Mrs. Milliken, screaming "Police," gave chase. Roundsman Downey and Policeman Ennis, who heard her outcry, joined in the pursuit. The boys took to the rocks and bushes at the west side of the park, and leaping over the crags, kept ahead of the policemen for at least the officers, cornered them and they surrendered. Simpson and Baker were caught with less trouble.

Coming to the conclusion that I must eat alive and live to eat I began looking about to find the Grape-Nuts, which always digested! had topped up my whole system and digestive organs in particular until every bit of constipation and bowel trouble disappeared, and I bade goodbye to all the cathartics.

"Now after using Grape-Nuts two years I still think it delicious. My rheumatism is all gone, also the constipation, something I had never even hoped for, never have a headache nowadays, my eyesight and hearing are excellent for one of my age, I had given me much trouble while I suffered from constipation. I am now past eighty years of age, but walk out and enjoy it. Feel strong and well, and I know the Grape-Nuts has given added vigor to my brain, too. It would be very gratifying to me to know that my letter had helped show others the way to a proper diet that has cured my stomach and bowel trouble." Name withheld by Postmaster, Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each pkg. for the little book, "The Road to Well-being."

PASTORS GOING TO ROME. Many from Brooklyn Will Accompany Bishop McDonnell.

ROME, Sept. 27.—The Vatican is making great preparations to celebrate the jubilee of the Immaculate Conception. Bishops from all parts of the Catholic world, including several Americans and the largest pilgrimage from the United States, headed by the Most Reverend Cardinal, will be present.

Bishop McDonnell, according to reports received at the Vatican, will be accompanied by almost all the pastors of his diocese. Bishops who are unable to come personally, like Right Rev. Thomas M. Burke, of Albany, N. Y., will send special representatives.

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"HELLO, MAX," SAID NAT C. GOODWIN

Greeting Was to Maxine Elliott, Actor's Wife, Back from Europe, and Interesting Osculatory Exchange Follows.

When the Kaiser Wilhelm reached her pier at Hoboken to-day one of the most eager and anxious men among the crowd of welcome was Nat Goodwin. He was there to receive Maxine Elliott, his wife.

The actress was standing close to the door which holds back the returning passengers. As soon as it was opened she strained her eyes to find her husband, and when the two saw each other there was a wild flutter of handkerchiefs and shaking of hands. Maxine was one of the first to leave the ship. Standing at the end of the gangplank was Mr. Goodwin with quatrified arms. His wife fairly sap into them. After a warm embrace Mr. Goodwin kissed his wife twice, and there was something of the Olga Wetherole variety in them. They were no more pecks, but long-drawn-out affairs.

"Hello, Max," said the comedian. "How glad I am to see you!" "You look very well, Nat. I'm happy, too," said the actress.

Then there was another kiss and both walked to the place where the actress had to declare her baggage.

The comedian and his wife were the centre of a very interested crowd the entire time they were on the pier. Every turn that Miss Elliott made was watched by a hundred pairs of curious eyes, particularly those belonging to the people of the home corners.

Maxine Elliott is a trifle thinner than when she finished the season in the spring. She is just the same radiant beauty, however, and the slight loss of flesh has in no way minimized her charms. She was beautifully gowned, and her wife fairly sap into them. After a warm embrace Mr. Goodwin kissed his wife twice, and there was something of the Olga Wetherole variety in them. They were no more pecks, but long-drawn-out affairs.